

Claims

1. A basketball shooting aid for demonstrating the correct arc for a player's ball when shooting a basket comprising;

a <sup>hoop</sup> ~~hoop-like~~ means of a size to allow a player to shoot a ball through it without interference;

a <sup>hoop</sup> ~~hoop-like~~ means to support said ~~hoop-like~~ means at a height over a player's head; and,

a base means for supporting said support means in a vertical position, and where said base means supports said support means such that said <sup>hoop</sup> ~~hoop-like~~ means extends beyond said base means to allow a player to stand under said <sup>hoop</sup> ~~hoop-like~~ means without being interfered with by said base means.

2. A basketball shooting aid as in claim 1 wherein said base has a T-shape where a pair of elements <sup>form a</sup> ~~from the~~ cross member and a longer member forms ~~the cross member~~ connected to said cross member between said pair of elements, said longer member having a free end to which said support means is connected.

3. A basketball shooting aid as in claim 2 wherein said pair of elements are joined together by a T-shaped connector, and said longer member being connected to said T-shaped connector to complete the T-shape of the base.

a 4. A basketball shooting aid as in claim 3 where said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means is adjustable on said support means to raise or lower the height of said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means.

a 5. A basketball shooting aid as in claim 4 wherein said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means has a diameter of about 3 feet.

a 6. A method for improving a basketball player's shooting skills by increasing the arc on a shot consisting of positioning said basketball shooting aid so a player standing under said hoop-like means can make a short quick jump, said player has a ball high over his head, as said player jumps, the ball is held high on release where the ball has a higher arc due to the presence of said basketball shooting aid.

a 7. A trajectory training aid as in claim 1, in which said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means comprises a series of flexible, plastic members ~~telescopingly or otherwise~~ removably attached together and formed into a circular hoop having its free ends inserted into the opposed ends of a "T" coupling and removably attached thereto to maintain the circular hoop shape.

8. A trajectory training aid as in claim 4, in which the  
adjustability of said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means is due to the telescoping  
action of upper and lower pole members which comprise the support  
means, said upper pole member and said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means being  
removably attached together and move together to raise and lower  
the height of said <sup>hoop</sup>~~hoop-like~~ means.

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